



More woe for bungling



advert and (left) Keir Starmer

By COLIN HURST

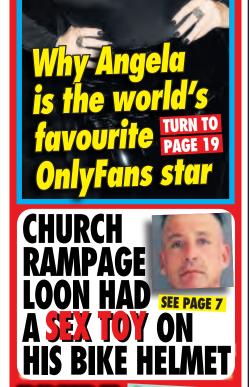
KEIR Starmer is facing yet another headache after bungling Labour spin doctors used a song with vile, sexist lyrics as the backing track for a trendy TikTok ad.

The reprehensible lyrics for the sexually-explicit tune are TOO SHOCKING to repeat on the front page of a family newspaper.

Labour has been forced to

apologise and has now pulled the advert.

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Musk words could kill off deal with US

PRIME Minister Keir PRIME Minister Keir
Starmer may end our
security partnership
with the US if Donald
Trump doesn't distance
himself from Elon Musk's
recent comments on
grooming gangs.
The rift in the Special
Relationship was

The rift in the Special Relationship was exposed by BBC Newsnight reporter Nick Watt, who said Downing Street are going to give a "hardheaded assessment" of whether these views are held solely by Musk or by the administra-

or by the administra-tion as a whole.

He explained: "There is absolute horror at the highest levels of the Government at the incendiary language we have seen from Elon Musk (above).

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"Is this just the vie of Musk, or is it the view of the wider administration and the incoming President Donald Trump?

"If it's the latter,
"then there may well?"

then there may well be some very, very serious questions about the nature of our ongoing security partnership with the US."

Cases double in NHS probe

A POLICE investigation into allegations of preventable deaths and injuries at an NHS trust has doubled the number of cases it's looking at.

The claims centre on care and treatment given by University Hospitals Sussex NHS Trust from

2015 to 2021.
Sussex Police started looking in 2023 into an initial 105 cases, but that number is now more than 200.

The force says it will "not be providing specific details around case numbers at this time

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LABOUR has been forced to pull a TikTok advert using a song containing explicit lvrics about punching a young girl's

pussy".

A 34-second clip titled "Labour's plan to change Britain as animals" was uploaded to the party's official TikTok account on

Sunday.
The vid displayed artificial intelligence-generated animals promoting its NHS reforms and featured music from the song *Montagem Coral* by DJ Holanda.

But there were red faces when the X-rated lyrics for the

The lyrics make reference to getting young girls addicted to drugs before using them

for sex.

That has proved especially controversial in the light of Labour's response to the grooming scandal – in which young women were plied with drugs before being abused by Pakistani Muslims.

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Social media users were also

Social media users were also quick to criticise the song.
Twitter user Bradfemly Walsh raged: "Absolutely disgusting. It's like they're taunting and mocking us. Whoever chose that song needs sacking."
Another Twitter user stormed: "Given the horrific scandal surrounding violent rape gangs and the allegations against Keir Starmer, this choice is not just tone-deaf-it's a slap in the face to the British a slap in the face to the British

public."
Meanwhile, Alicia Kearns, the Tory MP for Rutland and Stamford, said: "There are consequences for desperately trying to look cool on an app weaponised against our own records."

"It is right they apologise for this gross and vulgar politics, which resulted in the promotion of a song about plying girls with drugs to sleep with and abuse them. The days of states-manlike communications from Labour appears to be dead." Labour subsequently apolo-

Labour subsequently apologised for the song and deleted the video.

A Labour spokesperson said yesterday: "The post is an adaptation of a viral social media trend and contains a mix of two music tracks.

"We acknowledge that the translation of the lyrics are completely inappropriate. We apologise and the video has now been deleted."

The Labour video began by depicting a giant, muscular lion wearing a suit and a red tie outside the Houses of Parliament, while a voice over the

tie outside the Houses of Parliament, while a voice over the animation said: "He's back!"
It then featured a buildog wearing a police uniform while walking down a residential street, alongside the text: "You'll feel safer with more police on the beat."
The video also showed a reb.

The video also showed a rabbit wearing a blue NHS nurse uniform with a stethoscope.

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You'll be

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and marijuana The young girls are addicted, everyone is enjoying the wave Just a punch in the young girl's pussy
Just a punch in the girl's pussy...

Jenrick calls PM's smears 'disgusting'

ROBERT Jenrick says it was "absolutely disgusting" for Sir Keir Starmer to claim that politicians calling for a national inquiry into

grooming gangs were
"jumping on a bandwagon of the far Right".
The Prime Minister
made the remark on

made the remark on Monday as he rejected demands for a statutory inquiry into the scandal. Mr Jenrick (above), the shadow justice secretary, said: "Millions of people across our country want to see justice for the victims. "What we are talking about here is thousands, perhaps tens of thou-

what we are taking about here is thousands, perhaps tens of thousands, of vulnerable young girls who were tortured and raped in the most horrific, evil manner in towns and cities the length and breadth of our country.

"And to hear the PM smearing those of us who want to see the truth emerge was absolutely disgusting.

"This was the same attitude that got us into this mess in the first place... people like Keir Starmer have said you should turn a blind eye for fear of political

eye for fear of political correctness that we have seen this happen time and again, decade after decade."

Le Pen Snr dead at 96

FRENCH far-right politician Jean-Marie Le

Pen has died aged 96.
Le Pen, who had been in a care facility for in a care facility for several weeks, died at midday on Tuesday "surrounded by his loved ones", his family said.
Le Pen – a Holocaust denier and an unrepentant

denier and an unrepentant extremist on race, gender and immigration – founded the French far-right National Front party in 1972. He reached the

presidential election-run off against Jacques Chirac in 2002

Le Pen's daughter, Marine, took over as party chief in 2011.

Jordan Bardella, who succeeded Marine Le Pen as party chair in 2022, said Jean-Marie had "always served France" and "defended its identity"

Hi, sit on the clown At that peak, only angry chorus Called me forbidden because I get

Sit, bad, bounce, bad It locks on the tip of the cock and doesn't stop Sit. bad. bounce. bad It locks on the tip of the cock and doesn't stop

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Perfect combination is sex, beer

and marijuana
The young girls are addicted,
everyone is enjoying the wave
At that peak, only angry chorus
Called me forbidden because I get addicted quickly
Perfect combination is sex, beer



OUTLOOK: Chilly.

EARTHQUAKE IN CHINA,



A POWERFUL earthquake has A FOWERT DE CATTRIQUERE HAS rocked the northern foothills of the Himalayas near one of Tibet's holiest cities, killing at least 100 people and shaking buildings in neighbouring Nepal, Bhutan and India. and India.

The quake hit yesterday

morning, with its epicentre in Tingri, a rural county known as the northern gateway to the Everest region, at a depth of 6.2 miles according to the China. miles, according to the China

Earthquake Networks Centre. China claims Tibet as a regio of their country following their

annexation in 1951. The quake's impact was felt across the region of 800,000 people, administered by Shigatse, the traditional seat of the Panchen Lama, one of the most important figures in Tibetan Buddhism.

The US Geological Survey recorded the magnitude as 7.1, while China said it was 6.8.

"Many buildings" collapsed, local reports said.

Villages in Tingri reported strong shaking during the quake.

strong shaking during the quake, which was followed by aftershocks with magnitudes of up to 4.4.





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BRITNEY Spears has spilled the beans on having weekly equine therapy, to help with past traumas, in a new Instagram post.

The ... Baby One More Time singer, 43 – who recently gave her fans another glimpse at her reunion with her teenage sons – also posed up a storm before dancing in a sheer minidress and bikini.

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Her latest post comes after the star got the chance to spend the Christmas holidays with her kids Jayden, 18, and Sean, 19 – which left Britney blown away by the surprise visit.

Britney says in the new clip: "I do equine therapy every Tuesday and Saturday because I've been so traumatised by people."

Problems

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ential therapy.
Britney also shared some new pictures in which she wore a see-through dress revealing her little panties.
The Toxic singer's 13-year conservatorship

Problems

The therapy is a "team effort" where a mental health professional works with a horse specialist, and clients who participate in equine-assisted therapy are usually seeking help for emotional or behavioral problems.

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ential therapy.
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The Toxic singer's 13-year conservatorship notably came to an end in November 2021 and she has previously talked about undergoing therapy.
Back in 2023, the star announced her memoir The Woman In Me before its release, and also shared on social media: "My book is coming out very, very soon. I worked my ass off for this book.
"I had a lot of therapy to get this book done, so you guys better like it.
"If you don't like it, that's fine too."





Brits facing more chaos from floods

A DANGER-to-life flood warning has been issued as wintery weather continues to cause disruption across the UK.

More than 500 flood warnings and sleats

the UK.

More than 500 flood warnings and alerts are in place, including the Environment Agency's most severe warning in Leicester-shire's Pillings Lock river gauge after "heavy rainfall and rapid snowmelt". It follows major flooding on Monday which caused travel chaos blocking roads and railway lines.

Elsewhere, fresh snowfall overnight caused Manchester Airport to close its runways for the third consecutive day, with around 4,000 passengers diverted. Bristol airport also suspended all flights for around an hour yesterday morning due to "ongoing weather conditions". The Environment Agency issued a severe flood warning near the

Agency issued a severe flood warning near the River Soar at caravan parks in Barrow upon Soar, Leics.



No Xmas boom for high street

THE high street suffered a disappointing Christmas, new figures show, adding to retailers' misery after Chancellor Rachel

Reeves's record tax raid.
Retail sales rose by
0.4% over the so-called "golden quarter" in the three months to December,

according to the British Retail Consortium. Separate figures from Barclays show consumer card spending flatlined in December as shoppers cut back on essentials to focus on other bills.



Boffins find they have more nookie 7 GINGE

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GINGERS don't just have fiery tempers - they're

fiery tempers - they're red-hot in the sack, too!
Oxford boffin Professor Irene Tracey discussed how redheaded women experience pleasure and pain differently than others.
The neuroscientist, known as the "Queen of Pain", shared how difficult it can be to study pain, noting how everyone experiences good and bad pain differently during a segment on Radio 4's Today programme.

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She said: "While feeling either type of pain is an individualised experience, redheads have been found to experience tolerance and sensitivity differently than those with other hair colours." Redheaded women can tolerate up to 25% more pain

than people with other hair colours, an American McGill University study showed.
But it gets even better for those with auburn locks.
Scientists have recognized that redheads also experience pleasure differently.
A study from the University of Hamburg found redheaded women have the highest orgasm rate of all hair colours – at 41%.
And they also have more sex

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And they also have more sex than women with other hair colours, according to the Daily Mail.
"The research shows that the fiery redhead certainly lives up to her reputation," study leader Professor Dr Werner Habermehl said.













Newsreader 'haunted' by deepfakes

CHANNEL 4 News presenter Cathy Newman has said she found deepfake porn of herself "haunting". The 50-year-old journalist became her

own "case study" in an investigation that found at least 250 British celebrities have been victims of the Artificial Intelligence subterfuge. It comes as ministers

seek to crack down on sexually explicit deep-fake images, with the practice to become a criminal offence.

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Newman discussed her experience on ITV's Good Morning Britain on Tuesday.

During the research, Newman watched a deepfake video of herself after colleagues stumbled across it.

She told GMB: "I decided to, in a way, be my own case study. I hadn't seen the video but I kind of thought 'Well, you know, every day we cover gruesome stories, it will be water off a duck's back.'

"But I found myself

"But I found myself keeping on returning to Reeping on returning the the images, it was haunting. And I think the worst thing about it, is not knowing who created this video, and I still think about that."

Get fitter or join queue for surgery

FATTIES and smokers face being sent to the back of the queue for NHS surgery under new Government plans.

Reforms announced by Sir Keir Starmer mean patients will only be given a date for an operation if they have been assessed as "fit to proceed". Tens of thousands of

patients waiting for hip and knee surgery will be asked to first undergo a 12-week weight-loss programme, and smokers will be urged to quit – to reduce respiratory and wound-healing issues.

The moves are part of plans announced by the PM which he said would see the NHS "reformed from top to bottom".

The Elective Reform Plan, drawn up by the Department of Health Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England, goes on to say that "prehabilitation" of patients before surgery can increase productivity by helping to minimise complications and reducing cancellations. Getting patients fitter

before treatment also increases the number of people who are suitable for day surgery, instead of long hospital stays, the plans claim.



(above) his

A DIRTY vicar used a secret camera to record women in the lavvy of his church.

Arturo Laguna, a faith leader at the Casa de Adoracion – in Phoenix, Arizona – is accused of installing the recording device in the toilets in October.

October.
According to a police report the camera was found by a woman after it fell out of a dryer in the ladies loo where she was changing her baby's happy.
Detectives later obtained a screenshot showing Laguna

screenshot showing Laguna fixing the camera in the bathroom. He later admitted to installing the device in October.

During a search of the camera's SD card, officers found four short videos of adult females using the facilities.

Laguna has been charged with multiple counts of voyeurism.

The charges stem from invading someone's privacy by recording or photographing without

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their permission, for reasons of stimulation.

Camera

Sentences can stretch up to a couple of years in prison. Laguna leads a largely immigrant

largely immigrant church of about 100 followers in Phoenix and previously gave

an interview to the Associated Press in the run-up to the US elections.

The interview in which he discussed the impact of the Latino vote on the state, was conducted in October—around the time he was installing the camera

Laguna remains in custody ahead of his next court date, which is scheduled for today, January 8.

MONARCHY-BASHERS SNITCH ON ANDREW TO THE POLICE



ANTI-MONARCHY troublemakers Republic have called on the Metropolitan Police to investigate the Duke of York without "fear or favour" after reporting him to the force for using the name "Andrew Inverness" in his financial dealings.

Andrew faces new scrutiny over his business affairs in the wake of the scandal surrounding his links to an

the wake of the scandal surrounding his links to an alleged Chinese spy.

The King's brother, who holds the Scottish courtesy title the Earl of Inverness, was revealed six years ago to have set up a number of

Critics accused him of adopting it in a bid to remain under the radar. Republic reported the Duke to the Met Police on

Duke to the Met Police on Monday, accusing him of filing false information with Companies House, with regard to one of the firms, Naples Gold Limited. It also accused him of listing a London residential address at which they claim he never resided.

Republic's Creaban Smith

Republic's Graham Smith said: "While no fraud is alleged, Andrew must be held to the highest standards."



Thatcher nuke row with King

THE King questioned Margaret Thatcher's nuclear defence strategy during the Cold War, newly declassified documents have revealed.

The monarch, who was then the Prince of Wales, demanded personal military briefings from senior officials in 1983 about the government's approach to disarmament and the stockpiling of nuclear weapons.

Representatives for the Prince later contacted ministers to say he was "not entirely convinced" by the administration's policies and "did not follow the logic" of the explanations he was given.

The correspondence,

explanations he was given.

The correspondence, held by the National Archives, shows how ministers sought to allay the Prince's concerns for "official flannel and obfuscation" by providing bespoke briefings.

He was also given access to sensitive documents that were meant to be seen only by senior politicians and military figures, the documents revealed how Whitehall departments accepted there was a secretariation between the support of the property of the p

there was a contradiction between statements that ministers issued in public and what they believed privately.

Bach-ing mad solution to drug crimes

COPS have been mocked after they told families terrorised by drug-crazed gangs to play classical music to drive the thugs

Locals in the posh London neighbourhood of St John's Wood, where the Beatles filmed their iconic album 1969 Abbey Road, complained car windows have been smashed by the gangs in recent months.

And one resident, a businessman in his 50s, said a dealer threatened to shoot and chop him up after he confronted them on the street.

And then when he sent pictures of the 'drug deal' to police, he was told to play classical music as it prevents crime.

In an emall sent by a Met Police officer, the man is advised to call 999 if he sees the suspects again, but said: "You can also contact the council and ask them to play classical music as this has proven to deter and prevent crimes."

But he is also warned not to play the tunes too

not to play the tunes too loudly - as this can be the loudly – as this can be source of complaints.















Loon 'yelped profanities' HEAD: Jason Mitchell and (below) the church he targeted

A MAN was arrested for yelling profanities near a church while wearing a bike helmet that had "large and realistic" dildo attached.

Police say that units responded to the area of the Grace Fellowship Evangelical Free Church, in North Stonington, Connecticut, after receiving reports of a suspicious

incident.

Witnesses reported that the suspect, identified as 52-year-old Jason Mitchell, yelled profanities

while on a bike.

He was also wearing a sex toy –
described as a "large,
realistic dildo" – on his helmet.

helmet.

It was reported that he had done the same thing a week before.

Police say Mitchell was trying to recreate a German helmet that his grandfather wore during World War I.

Police also say that they were called to Mitchell's home nine

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times between September 2024 and November 2024 for numerous incidents, including riding his bicycle while naked with a cowboy hat on and retrieving items from his neighbour's yard while naked.

He is charged in the most recent incident with breach of the peace.

A police source said: "Yelling filth outside a church is protected under the First Amendment to the Constitution. "But when you strap a sex device to your head, that constitutional protection disappears. Yessir."



Sex assault data shock

FOREIGNERS are more than three times as likely to be arrested for sexual offences as British citizens, analysis shows.
Police made more than

9,000 arrests of foreign nationals for sexual offences between January

and October last year.
The sexual offences
arrests – in 41 of the 43
forces in England and Wales – represented a quarter (26.1 per cent) of the estimated 35,000 total, according to analysis by the Centre for Migration Control.

The think tank found using official data – that foreigners were three-and-

a-half times as likely to be arrested for sex offences as British suspects.
This was based on a rate of almost 165 arrests per 100,000 of the migrant population against 48 per 100,000 for Britons.









Pope lays into nuns for gossip

POPE Francis has called out nuns with "vinegar faces" and told them to avoid gossip in a bizarre new tirade. The 88-year-old (above) urged a group of Dominican nuns from the Union of St Catherine of Siena of the Missionaries to "distance" themselves from tittle-tattle. The Pope said: "Gossip kills, gossip poisons. Please, no gossiping among you. And to ask this of a woman is heroic but, come on, let's move forward. That's not something that helps to attract people. "Viverer in party and

something that helps to attract people.

"Vinegar is nasty and nuns with a vinegar face, let's not even talk about it."

Pope Francis, who became the leader of the Catholic church in 2013, also urged the nuns not to speak with the Devil. the Devil.

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He added: "There was one person the Lord never spoke with – the Devil. Please, speak with everyone except the Devil.

"The Devil enters the community, he sees the jealousies, all those things that belong to all humans, not just women, everyone, that's where the Devil goes. No dialogue with the Devil, understood?"

Inmate sex visits in jail love rooms

ITALIAN prisons must allow inmates to shag visiting partners, the country's top court says.

The Constitutional

Court ruled a prisoner's right to have sex with a spouse or partner should only be denied "for only be defined "for reasons of security or maintaining order and discipline, or by the danger of the inmate or judicial reasons".

The ruling triggered calls from rights activists for officials to create "love rooms" inside jails for more comfortable conjugal visits.
 It comes amid wider

prison reforms rolled out in Italy by Georgia Meloni's government.

After a series of hunger strikes and violent protests in Italy last year, the PM threatened a tougher stance, before passing a law in August promising more prison personnel, simplified procedures for early release and improvements in

community care facilities.
The court ruling on sex for inmates came after one lag serving time in a prison in the northern city of Asti was denied the right to have sex with his visiting wife.





Prudish council bans G-strings TOO CHEEKY: By ANNE COATES news@sundaysport.co.uk A PRODNOSE local council has sparked a huge backlash by announcing it's banning thongs and G-string swimwear at one and G-string swimwear at one of its swimming pools. Blue Mountains Leisure Centres, an arm of the Blue Mountains City Council, in Australia, announced revealing swimwear items are "not acceptable" at its facilities. The change means that the trendy swimwear style is now banned at Katoomba Sports and Aquatic Centre, Springwood Aquatic and Fitness Centre, Blackheath Pool and Glenbrook Swim Centre. The centre's terms of entry now

brook Swim Centre.

The centre's terms of entry now state "patrons are encouraged to shower thoroughly before entering the pool and recognised swimwear must be worn".

"Recognised swimwear does not include G-strings," it adds.

The G-string ban came to light after the council was forced to explain what it meant with a sign that ruled "revealing swimwear/things" were banned.

The council explained on social

were banned.

The council explained on social media: "The image of 'revealing swimwear/thongs' has raised some eyebrows. This image refers to thongs and G-strings not bikini tops and bottoms. Bikinis are acceptable and considered recognised swimwear."

However a number of locals were

However, a number of locals were perplexed by the decision to ban the popular style of swimwear.

One posted: "Shouldn't people go to the pool to swim and not to worry about what other people are wearing?" While a second said: "How about we

while a second said: How about we solve this by placing the responsibility with the person having feelings about somebody else's clothes and not the kids wearing them.

"Young people will wear what's fashionable. If you don't like it, then don't look."

A third urged others to "please stop.

don't look."

A third urged others to "please stop worrying or commenting about how other people look or on what they are wearing".

"If someone is so offended by a

"If someone is so offended by a cheeky G-string bikini, then don't wear one and don't look at others wearing them," they added.
"There's lots of bodies at the pool that I don't enjoy looking at — they still have every right to be there and wear whatever they want. This policy is so old fashioned and outdated."

Plop to improve decision making

PLOPPING boosts your brain power, boffins say.

A new study found that triathletes performed better on a cognitive test - that simulates the experience of rapid decision-making in sports - when they took a shit beforehand.

The 13 participants took a reaction test three times a week apart - the first time without pooping beforehand, the second time an hour after going to the bathroom and the third time with the help of a laxative.

The research team also wrote in the new issue of the Sports Medicine and Health Science journal that pooping gives your body more energy to spend on cognition and exercise intensity.

A MAN who was arrested nude after carving initials into a car and turning the knife on the owner told cops he'd been abducted by space aliens.

Jean Rene Mathias, 34 (below), damaged a car and tried to steal the vehicle from outside a home in Palm Beach, Florida.

Witnesses saw Mathias use a large knife to carve his initials, symbols, and pictures into the exterior. The owner of the car told cops that when he came out, Mathias turned the knife on him and demanded the keys to the vehicle.

After the victim retreated to his home, Mathias carried on causing damage and even punctured the car's tyres.

When deputies arrived, Mathias was naked in the driveway of the home.

He told cops he wanted to die because he had been abducted by aliens.

Cops booked him into Palm Beach County Jail on counts of attempted carjacking with a weapon and criminal mischief.





Death Row lag insists: kill me now

KIII Me now

A DEATH Row lag has made a "kill me now" plea to the courts.

The execution of Aaron Gunches would mark a resumption of Arizona's use of the death penalty after a two-year gap, while it reviewed procedures. In a handwritten court filing, Gunches asked the state Supreme Court to schedule his execution for next month for his murder conviction in the 2002 killing of Ted Price.

Gunches, who is representing himself, said his death sentence is "long overdue" and the state was dragging its feet in asking the court for a legal briefing schedule leading up to the execution.

Attorney General Kris Mayes' office, which is seeking Gunches' execution, said a briefing schedule is needed to ensure corrections officials can

said a briefing schedule is needed to ensure corrections officials can meet execution requirements, such as testing his lethal injection.

KENYA BELIEVE IT?

OFFICIALS were left scratching their heads after parts of a space rocket crash-landed into Mukuku village, in Makueni county in the south of Kenya.



























£3m deal on **'Breaking** Bad' home

THE house featured in hit TV series Breaking Bad has gone up for sale for £3.2million. While the average property price in Albuquerque, New Mexico is £300,000, the appeal of the home has meant owner Joanne Quintana has priced it at just under \$4m. The three-bedroom, two-bathroom home

The three-bedroom, two-bathroom home has been described on the listing as one of Alburquerque's "most famous landmarks" recognised globally by millions of fans.

Breaking Bad was centred around

Breaking Bad was centred around fictional chemistry teacher-turned-meth-kingpin Walter White, played by actor Bryan Cranston.
When White is diagnosed with cancer, he finds a way to support his family after his death by creating and selling his own crystal methamphetamine with his ex-pupil, Jesse Pinkman.
Quintana's family

Jesse Pinkman.
Quintana's family
bought the house in
1973, and she and her
siblings grew up there.
As the show gained
popularity, it became
harder for her family to
be protected, and they
were forced to put up a
metal fence and install

Now her parents are gone, she decided it was time to sell up.

Anti-Trump gays whip out pistols

GAYS and trannies in the US are arming themselves over unfounded fears they'll be rounded up and placed in "concentration camps" under a second

camps" under a second Trump administration. Members of the emerg-ing gun-toting left belong to groups with names like the Liberal Gun Club, the Socialist Rifle Association and Pink Pistols.

Although exact figures regarding gay and tranny gun ownership are not known, given the small cohort, the Liberal Gun Club said it's received "thousands" of firearms

"thousands" of firearms training requests since the election – more than in all of 2023 combined – and that about a quarter were from those in the LGBTQ community. The Philladelphia chapter of the Socialist Rifle Association – a leftwing take on the National Rifle Association – said it's seen a "surge" of paid memberships, and that its gun safety classes have been filling up so fast it

gun safety classes have been filling up so fast it had to add more.
And the Delaware Valley chapter of gay gun group Pink Pistols, which uses the slogan "Armed Gays Don't Get Bashed", said they've been inundated with insu with inquiries from people seeking firearms training.



Groaning

The 27-year-old from Luton, Beds, said: "Dad told me that every newsagents in the land had a top shelf groaning with twat-out titles such as Razzle, Parade, Escort and Club.

"He said there were also mags like Playbirds and Whitehouse where the models held their fannies open in what were then called American-strength poses.

"He said Sport models like Teresa May and Louise Hodges were regulars in the mags."

Josh went online and discovered several firms

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have made a massive comeback with hipsters. "It would be amazing to see the same happen in the world of twat mags aswell!"





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raise a kebab

THANK you, Luke Littler.

THANK you, Luke Littler.

You have just made the world a better place again.

And not just because you're good at the darts, either.

The 17-year-old walked away from the PDC World Darts Championship last weekend with the winner's trophy and half a million quid.

And once he passes his magical 18th birthday milestone, it's safe to say the sky's the limit for the otherwise unassuming lad from Warrington.

Luke's influence even has me wondering how many kebab houses up and down the country are considering installing a dartboard in their shop for pissed-up punters.

More importantly, how many advertising executives in That Fancy London who still have the words "Emma" and "Raducanu" next to a number on their iPhone are feeling a bit deft?

number on their iPhone are feeling a bit daft?
When Emma won the 2021 U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York at the first time of asking, still aged

just 18, she became a sensation.
Luxury carmakers raced to her
door trailed by arse-licking admen
and women hellbent on drowning her

and women hellbent on drowning her in deals for posh water, fancy frocks and expensive perfumes.

Her gorgeous smile beamed down at us all on adboards from Time Square to Leicester Square.

Her mixed race heritage and natural beauty made her huge, with immense popularity in not just the traditional tennis world but also in China and Romania – her parents' birthplaces.

birthplaces.
She was the Brand New Best Thing that everybody wanted and needed a piece of – right up to the moment she wasn't.

Instead, she simply became the new Anna Kournikova, the player we all wanted to watch but not remotely because we were ever interested in tennis.

her tennis.

Likewise, only a few reasons for any residual interest in Raducanu remain to this day.

Those figure-hugging vest tops showing off her fantastic boobs.

And those long, tanned, athletic legs that, quite frankly, many a man would mostly like to wear around their neck as nose bag straps.

Although Kournikova never won anything like the U.S. Open, she too was once an overnight sensation spurred into the limelight thanks to her tiny dresses and peachy arse. her tiny dresses and peachy arse. Emma, albeit better, merely got

the same.
So both ladies are wildly rich

without really having done that much after all, purely on the back of lots and lots and LOTS of men wanting, absolutely hopelessly, to have frantic, urgent, sweaty sex with them.

TEEN STARS: Littler and Raducanu

Whereas with Luke the Nuke, now we have a genuine sporting hero right here in our midst – and he doesn't need to wear a short skirt to get our

complete attention. Quite the opposite.

He just throws darts consistently brilliantly all over the world, wins the lot, goes home with a kebab, plays FIFA in bed, catches up with YouTube, and forks out six grand a month to rent out a big house with an indoor pool for him and his family

And remember that while doing all that he is, until January 21, still just SEVENTEEN.

But that didn't stop idiotic Good Morning Britain presenter Adil Irritating (or whatever) alluding to The Nuke's weight last week.

As if anybody gives a toss what a nobody on a show hardly anyone sane ever watches thinks about anything. Tonight, I will yet again raise a kebab to this fabulously normal young

man who has won a normal working class sport in the most fantastically ruthless fashion. Extra chilli sauce, garlic and lemon

juice for an actual sporting hero,

please.

PS to TV bosses – the Ally Pally crowd make "the darts" as much as the players do. "Smarten" it up and you'll ruin it. DON'T say you weren't warned. Grrr...

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Monkey in pink tutu's cop rescue

AN escaped spider monkey wearing a pink tutu was rescued on tutu was rescued on the side of a road after running up to a police officer and tugging on his trouser leg. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office in Missouri said the clever primate made

its escape from a house it was staying at when it opened the front door and wandered out. Deputies responded

Deputies responded to a call involving a monkey and came upon the animal on the road about an hour southwest of St. Louis, the department wrote in a tongue-in-cheek Facebook post.

Coaxing

"After careful After careful negotiations and some coaxing, deputies were able to get close enough to go 'hands on' with the subject and bring this bananas situation under control without incident."

In an adorable twist, the frightened spider monkey welcomed the rescue effort. Police added: "The

Police added: "The monkey actually kind of came up and tugged on his pant leg, and so he didn't really know what to do.
"He squatted down and was trying to offer some sort of safety.
"He said the monkey reached out and grabbed his hands, and he said, 'OK, I guess we'll just stand here together until we figure

together until we figure out what to do'." A short time later, a woman contacted the woman contacted the department claiming to have been babysitting the small simian when it made its break for freedom.

Scrawl note thief legs it with no loot

A BANK robber's plans went tits-up because a cashier couldn't read a note he handed over.
The would-be thief

entered a bank in Loveland, Colorado, and went straight to the cashier, who he handed a note, the local police department said.

But the cashier couldn't make out what exactly was written on the note.

And as the cashier was still trying to figure out what the note said, the male robber became frustrated and quickly fled the bank, cops said.

The suspect was wearing a brown hoodie, a green baseball cap and

sunglasses.

A police source added: "Legible handwriting is important – even if you're a bank robber."









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Dear Bexie,

I'M having an affair with our babysitter and my thick wife doesn't suspect a thing.
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She's quite experienced for a teen and I have been shagging her for six months. She lets me do anything I want with her, which is more than the ball and chain does.

The wife believes everything I tell her – that's how I can enjoy my

The while believes everything I tell her – that's now I can enjoy my cake and eat it!

We go out twice a week and while she's getting ready me and the babysitter have a quickie.

We make love all over the house, even in our bed while the wife is relaxing in the bath.

Do you think she knows and is just turning a blind eye?

BG, Kidderminster

Bexie says...

YOU'RE playing with fire my friend. Be warned!

Dear Bexie,

I'M a barmaid and I love sex. I'm 21 with long, dark hair and most blokes can't take their eyes off my 34Ds.

I am used to being chatted up but had never taken it any further until one of the regulars offered me £20 to suck his cock. I needed the money, so I gave him a blowjob on my way home. I must have impressed him, as over the next few weeks several of his mates paid me to give them a gobble.

I was happy with the extra money and was delighted when the landlord offered me £500 to be shagged by him and a couple of customers.

of customers.

of customers.

On the night of the gang-bang the landlord led me to the pool table and soon I was being banged by three blokes.

But they told everybody in town and now I can't go anywhere without being called a slag.

What should I do?

LG. Leeds

Bexie says...

MOVE to a new area and find another job.

Girlfriend's filthy pal has made me her sex slave

Dear Bexie,

MY bird's mate is a right dirty cow and she has wanted to shag me for

I managed to resist her advances

until just a couple of weeks ago.

My girlfriend was away at a conference for the weekend and her mate came round to my flat clutching a couple of bottles of wine and a

She said she was just checking up on me to make sure I wasn't seeing any other women behind my bird's back!

We soon polished off the wine and we were both a bit tipsy and I could see what was coming next. She stood up and stripped off to her

She stood up and stripped on the black G-string before getting out my throbbing cock and sucking me off until I spunked on her face.

She then pleasured herself with a wine bottle until I was rock-hard

again. I led her to my bedroom and gave her a good shafting.

But when I woke up the next day, I felt horribly guilty.

I told her that we couldn't have sex again, but she said she would tell my girlfriend if I didn't carry on coning low.

seeing her.

She explained that she didn't like my girlfriend anyway and if their friendship ended she wouldn't be that bothered.

So I now have to bang her twice a

week.

The last time we did it she tied me

up and spanked me with a cane.
I'm virtually her sex slave now.
What do you think I should do?

Bexie says...

TELL your girlfriend the truth and beg for

throbbing cock.
After swallowing my
mess, she revealed her 34D tits and firm arse.

I gave her a good licking out before I bent her over the sofa, taking her doggy-style until she had a reaming orgasm. I've shagged her several

times since, but she now wants to leave her husband, who's due back in a couple of weeks, and move in with me! What should I do?

TV. Coventry

Bexie says...

STAY calm. She will probably change her mind when her husband returns Mail: Agony, Sunday Sport, 860 Chester Road, Stretford, Manchester M32 OQJ

Dear Bexie.

I AM a 24-year-old geezer and have only had sex with three women.

I am currently single. This is my fault as I really want to hook up with birds, but I am too scared as

The last time I pulled a nice blonde bird and got her back to my

place, it all went badly wrong.
Everything was going great to
begin with as I stripped her off
and sucked her big nipples before

switching down below to give her

She was gagging for it, but as soon as I pulled out my bent cock she had a laughing fit and told me there was no way she was taking that inside her

Now I worry that all women will take one look at it and tell me to *k off. What should I do?

PK. Sussex

Bexie says...

I THINK you've nothing to worry about. Just get out there and get pulling!

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29. Immediately (2,4)
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33. Army chaplains (6)

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1. Smoked herring (6)
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30. Pant (4)

1. EXPERTS warn drinking what kind of milk may

lead to depression?
a) Almond
b) Semi-skimmed
c) Oat
d) Goat

2. WHO has PM Keir Starmer hit back at, claiming he tackled grooming gangs in the UK "head on" when he was Chief Prosecutor? a) Donald Trump b) Kemi Badenoch c) Nigel Farage d) Elon Musk

3. WHO did UK teenage darts wonder Luke Littler beat in the PDC World

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their concern for which news reader after the news reader arter the presenter's eye appeared to "droop" live on air? a) Clive Myrie b) Sophie Raworth c) Ben Brown d) Reeta Chakrabarti

7. AT least 95 people have been killed as a massive 7.1 magnitude earthquake struck near which famous mountain?

a) Mont Blanc b) K2

c) Mount Kilimanjaro d) Mount Everest

8. RENOWNED Mexican actor Emilio Echevarria has died at the age of 80. Which Bond film did

he star in?
a) GoldenEye
b) Die Another Day
c) The World is

Not Enough d) Tomorrow Never

9. WHICH political party has been forced to delete an AI TikTok clip over its use of a graphic song which encourages the drugging of women? a) Conservatives b) Labour

c) Lib Dems d) Green

10. WHICH social media site blocked the hashtag for Meghan Markle's new Netflix show after wrongly flagging it as "sensitive content" and warning it could be linked to child

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sexual abuse?

a) Facebook b) Instagram c) TikTok

d) Myspace

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Championship final? a) Michael van Gerw b) Stephen Bunting c) Luke Humphries d) James Wade

4. WHICH movie won
Best Drama Film at the
Golden Globes?
a) Dune: Part Two
b) The Brutalist
c) Nickel Boys
d) Conclave

5. WHICH police force says it is quitting X – formerly Twitter – after being bombarded with abuse from online trolls? a) Greater Manchester b) Avon and Somerset c) Cleveland d) Derbyshire

6. BBC viewers were left shocked and expressed

ANSWERS

























HORSE RACING: ALL TODAY'S BEST BETS



BECCALI can make the leap up to a mile in the Try Unibet's Improved **Bet Builder Handicap at** Kempton.

The three-year-old has been through the ring twice already, fetching €310,000 as a foal before being upgraded to a €580,000 purchase as a yearling and he took a few runs to find his feet on the track.

track.

He suffered a heavy defeat
as an odds-on favourite at
Leicester last May and
again made little impact at again made little impact at Newmarket in August, but moved up to seven furlongs on the all-weather by Charlie Appleby, Beccali found his niche. Fourth at Chelmsford in November, he finally got off the mark at Wolverhampton before Christmas, despite hanging across the track and hampering a couple of

and hampering a couple of his rivals.

He won by a cosy length and a half and moving up to

a mile from seven furlongs

By MIKE FRANCIS

here should be no issue, with James Doyle on board. Golden Thorn can make it third time lucky in the Unibet/EBF Restricted

Uniber/LBF Restricted
Novice Stakes.
Sent off a 50-1 shot on
debut at Kempton in
November, she
looked in need of

looked in need of
the experience as
she came home a
well-beaten sixth
and the outing
appeared to have
the desired effect
as she finished
second at the
second attempt.
She just got
reeled in at the
finish over a mile
that day, so
dropping back to
seven furlongs
here may suit
better.

better.

Jack McNamara made a good start for Simon Pearce good start for Simon Fearce and can improve again to win the Unibet Zero% Mission Handicap. The five-year-old was second in a Curragh maiden

in October and subsequently changed hands, eventually ending up at Pearce's Newmarket yard and

ending up at Pearce's Newmarket yard and making his first British start at Wolverhampton. Beaten five and a half lengths over 12 furlongs on that occasion in a maiden contest, it is interesting

contest, it is interesting
Pearce not only
makes the switch
to handicap
company here but
also hikes in trip

to two miles.

His dam was ultra versatile, ultra versatile, winning on the Flat, over hurdles and fences, so stamina on her side is not in question.

AINER:
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in his last couple of runs and sits on his lowest ever mark of 72, some way below the 108 perch he had in 2022. King's School can bring up

his hat-trick in the Boost Your Acca At BetMGM Handicap at Newcastle.

Twice successful over seven furlongs at this track in December, with just seven days between runs, he is well versed in the task that faces him here.

While off a slightly higher mark of 75, Warren Fentiman rode him to good effect last time and takes a handy 7lb off again.

Sorceleur is another on a roll as he lines up in the Stables Business Park Handicap Hurdle at Taunton.

Taunton.

He won novice events on

onsecutive days at Exeter and Wincanton in November, winning with plenty in hand to earn a starting point of 122.

KEMPTON: 5.00 Lady Birdie, 5.30 Golden Thorn, 6.00 Blue Empress, 6.30 Hierarchy, 7.00 Profitman, 7.30 BECCALI (NAP), 8.00 Jack McNamara.

(NAP), 8.00 Jack McNamara. NEWCASTLE: 1.03 Oakley Boy, 1.33 Percy Willis, 2.03 Fireblade, 2.33 Mondammej, 3.03 Sandret, 3.33 King's School, 4.03 Drafted. TAUNTON: 12.45 Kykorock, 1.15 Strolling

Along, 1.45 Largy Force, 2.15 Sorceleur, 2.45 Joker De Mai, 3.15 Lady Caro.

NEIGHBOUR READY TO MOVE TRIUMPH Hurdle favourite Hello Neighbour is set to first bid for Grade One glory at the Dublin Racing Festival.

at the Dublin Racing Festival.
Gavin Cromwell's charge is unbeaten after two wins on the Flat and a Boxing Day Leopardstown success on his debut over obstacles. Having been sent off as a well-backed 9-4 favourite forthe Grade Two O'Driscolls Irish Whiskey Juvenile Hurdle, Hello Neighbour just held on by a short-head from the Willie Mullinstrained Lady Vega Allen.
However, that run was still good enough to earn him top spot in most bookmakers' ante-post markets on the Triumph, alongside James Owen's East India Dock.
Cromwell said: "Hello Neighbour has come out of

Cromwell said: "Hello Neighbour has come out of his run at Leopardstown well and will go back there for the Grade One at the Dublin Racing Festival (February 1).'



WEATHER WATCH: Pauling

Pauling prays for Warwick to beat flood

By JACK FARLEY

BEN Pauling is hoping the weather does not stand in the way as Handstands is primed for the TrustATrader Hampton Novices' Chase at Warwick this weekend.

The six-year-old, three times a winner over hurdles last season, transitioned to steeplechasing at the beginning of this term but had a luckless first

experience when falling at Wincanton in November.
That race was won by Boombawn from subsequent Desert Orchid Chase winner Soul Icon, whereas Handstands dusted himself off to make his second start over fences in the Esher Novices' Chase at Sandown in early December.

There he was triumphant by three and a half lengths at Grade Two level, jumping beautifully throughout when stepping up to three miles for the first time since his successful point-to-point

successrul point-to-point start as a four-year-old. "Falling on your chasing debut is not ideal but they went one hell of a gallop at Wincanton and Soul Icon has won the Desert Orchid since, so I think it was a decent race and it just didn't work out for us at all," Pauling said.

"I was very pleased to see him come back and jump as well as he did, but I didn't have any worries myself, as he was always very good at home and jumps fences much better than he did hurdles.

than he did hurdles."
Pauling is now keen to
run the gelding in the
Hampton at Warwick on
Saturday, but the current
challenging weather is not
set to ease before the weekend and the meeting

could be in doubt.
The Scilly Isles Chase, a step back to two and a half miles, is an option further down the line, as is the three-mile Reynoldstown, as Handstands is proving versatile with regards to

trip.
The trainer added: "He's in great order, he's been entered today for the **Hampton Novices' Chase** at Warwick. Sadly, the going report this morning reads very badly, it's flooded on the back straight and now it's about

to freeze.
"I suppose if it's not on, we might just have to run him in a normal novice chase, or we might wait for the Scilly Isles or perhaps the Reynoldstown."



arrival in English rugby by helping Bristol Bears generate a club-record crowd for a women's game of just over 9,000 at Ashton Gate.

Her eagerly anticipated debut against Premiership champions Gloucester-Hartpury attracted fans from Kentucky and Washington DC, while Maher spent more than an hour after the game signing autographs and posing for pictures.

With more than eight million followers on Insta and TikTok, 28-year-old American back Maher is the world's most followed rugby player on socials. She will undoubtedly make a major impact during her threemonth stay with Bristol, then potentially the England-hosted Women's World Cup later this year when Maher hopes to be part of the United States squad. Her commitment to the sport, enthusiasm for it and engagement with supporters makes her a box-office ticket. "I love being a superstar," she

That's where I want to bring these team-mates up.
"I am always trying to get my team-mates from the US sevens up. During the Olympics, so many of them put media out there and grew their following.
"I have seen the power in it, I've seen the power of people connecting with the individual and then going to a sport.
"People connect with (American basketball player) Caitlin Clark and go and see a game, and that brings more fans in.

game, and that brings meedings in.
"If we can have more people connect with (Bristol teammates) Holly Aitchison, Jaz Joyce, Evie Gallagher, that brings them in, that brings fans in, so that is my goal. It is cool

felt across men's and women's, and I've had some of the best men's players be, like, 'keep doing what you're doing'. "I think everyone sees the value in it. If one rises, we all rise. So I am really proud of what I have done and the impact I am having on social media, not just in a rugby sense but in a body positivity sense, the way people are treating themselves."

On the pitch, Maher's focus will be to drive a play-off push for Bristol after a 40-17 loss against Gloucester-Hartpury left them seven points adrift of the

top four.
They visit Exeter on Sunday,
before returning to Ashton Gate
– and another bumper crowd –
for an appointment with
Leicester on January 18.
Reflecting on a 20-minute

Reflecting on a 20-minute Bears bow off the bench, Maher said: "For me, I was just trying to watch and understand. "I think each game I am going to learn more and more, and you do learn a lot by losing, but also it puts a fire under you for the next game."



TRAUMA: Djokovic

Djok gets big shock going back to Australia

TENNIS

NOVAK Djokovic says he has felt some "trauma" when landing in Australia in the years since he was deported from the country in 2022.

Having arrived ahead of the 2022 Australian Open not vaccinated against coronavirus, Djokovic was detained in an immigration hotel.

The Serbian was then sent home after his visa was cancelled by the immigration minister, who decided his presence could stoke anti-vaccine sentiment.

Djokovic subsequently successfully challenged a three-year ban on applying for a visa, and went on to play at the tournament in 2023, which he won, and 2024.

In an interview with the Herald Sun in the build-up to this year's edition, which gets under way later this week, the 37-year-old said: "I have (some trauma) to be quite

The last couple of times that I landed in Australia, to go through passport control and immigration — I had a bit of trauma from three years ago. And some traces still stay there when I'm passing passport control, just checking out if someone from immigration zone is approaching.

The person checking my passport — are they going to take me, detain me again or let me go? I must admit I have that

feeling."
Djokovic also said "I don't hold any resentment", adding: "I don't hold a grudge.

"I came like right away the year after in 2023... and I won the Australian Open — it was my 22nd

"My parents and whole team were there, and it was actually one of the most emotional wins that I've ever had considering all that I'd been through the year before."

Djokovic has the most Australian Open singles titles of any male player, having triumphed 10 times to date, and is aiming for a record 25th grand slam when he competes in Melbourne

osses ponder divisions for five-day cricket

CRICKET By NED TRUEMAN

PROPOSALS to split Test cricket into a two-tier system, with England, Australia and India centre, are at the reportedly back on the agenda. The idea of dividing

Test-playing nations into divisions was last seriously debated in 2016, but failed to get off the ground due to a lack of support from the Indian board.

to a lack of support from the Indian board.

But reports originating in Australia suggest it is once again gaining traction, with Jay Shah, the newly installed chair of the International Cricket Council, said to be preparing for talks with his counterparts from the so-called big three' nations including Richard Thompson from the England and Wales Cricket Board.

More frequent fixtures between the game's financial heavyweights, who attract the biggest share of broadcast money, would be one major consequence should the plan be adopted.

A seven-team top flight,

with five in the second, would allow for marquee series like the Ashes between England and the Aussies to take place twice every three years rather than twice every four

years.

Midweek Sport sources understand the ECB has not been involved in any formal discussions on the matter at this stage and has approached the governing body for the governing comment.

comment.

Any changes would not be possible until mid-2027, when the ICC's current future tours programme and the next edition of the World Test Championship conclude.

Diet

The biggest losers in the mooted split would appear to be the West Indies and Bangladesh, who are currently part of the nineteam World Test framework but could find themselves earmarked for second-tier status under the new plans. Teams like Ireland, Afghanistan and Zimbabwe have struggled to secure a

have struggled to secure a meaningful diet of Test cricket in recent years having been left out of the WTC structure.

Meanwhile, England batter Danni Wyatt-Hodge is

batter Danni Wyatt-Hodge is expecting aruthless Women's Ashes battle with Australia. The seven-match, multiformat series gets under way on January 11 in Sydney as England look to win the Ashes for the first time since 2014.

Despite England inflicting Australia's first ODI

first ODI series defeat in a decade in 2023, the Aussies retained the Ashes with an overall draw.

Wyatt-Hodge knows

knows Wyatt-Hodge knows Australia will present another formidable challenge this winter, but the 33-year-old is confident England can take them on in their own backyard over the coming week's coming weeks.

"They bat so deep the Aussies, anyone who comes in is capable of getting valuable runs and they are ruthless, they will fight until the end

and they are a hard team to beat," she said.

"But as you can see from the Ashes, we're able to compete and we're excited to compete against them.

"A lot of us have played against them in the franchise teams and it will come down to who's the calmest. We want to focus on ourselves focus on ourselves and enjoy
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confidence from their previous outings against the Aussies, according to Wyatt-Hodge.
"We're taking confidence from that Ashes but it's a new Ashes in their conditions," she added.

RUGBY STAR: Ilona Maher

"We know how good the assies are. They're a "We know how good the Aussies are. They're a quality team with world-class players and we're challenge ahead.
"We've played so much cricket over the last few months which has been exciting and we're feeling relaxed, calm and confident ahead of a massive challenge

ahead of a massive challenge out here."

Outstanding

Among those England will need to be wary of is 21-year-old Georgia Voll, who has scored 173 runs across her first three ODI matches for Australia.

"Georgia Voll has had an outstanding start to her ODI career, anyone in their line-up can produce match winning performances."

winning performances," Wyatt-Hodge said when asked about the young batter.

"In their conditions it adds to the challenge but a lot of us have played in the Big Bash so we're used to the conditions more than we once were.



By ANDY MILLOM

NOTTINGHAM Forest boss Nuno **Espirito** Santo says he will not look at the league table until the end of the season despite his side opening the door to a surprise title challenge with a 3-0 win at Wolves.

Goals from Morgan Gibbs-White, Chris Wood and Taiwo Awoniyi earned a sixth successive Premier

a sixth successive Fremier League win and moved them six points behind leaders Liverpool. Arne Slot's men visit the City Ground next week in a clash which is likely to decide whether Forest could challenge for the title.

Reality

But Nuno is not even contemplating the idea of addressing that prospect.

Asked whether or when he will look at the league table, he replied: "Maybe the end of the season, I will take a look. At the end of the season, I will take a look. I will promise you gus."

you guys."
Nuno added when asked if his side were in a title race:

"We play Luton in the FA Cup at the City Ground next, which is huge for us. It is a good chance for us. This is the reality. We must prepare well for that game.
"The FA Cup is important and it is a good chance for us in terms of the squad.
"We can give minutes to players, because it is a very long season and we need all

the players to have minutes. They need to have fitness and rhythm. So first, Luton."

It meant Forest racked up

six consecutive top-flight wins for the first time since 1979 when they managed the six feat across two seasons when Brian Clough was in charge — a fitting achievement as Monday marked 50 years since the Forest great was appointed at the City

appointed at the City Ground.

"It means a lot for us because Brian Clough is a legend of the club," the Portuguese added, "You can see it all over Nottingham, in our stadium and in our training ground, references to Brian Clough. That can only inspire us.

"But we have to keep on

going. Our happiness is based on how the players are working together; this is what makes us really proud and happy."

What make the table and happy."

Wolves, missing talisman Matheus Cunha, remain in trouble at the other end of the table, losing under new boss Vitor Pereira for the first time, with three missed chances in the first half proving costly.

Cunha was joined on the sidelines by a host of other players, with Pereira focusing on the positives.

Proud

"I think we did what was possible to do," he said.

"We faced a lot of problems thisweek, different problems, injury problems. In the end we played with 11 players and 11 players that were giving everything to get another result.

"I am proud of them because they tried

because they tried everything. I can't say to anybody that they didn't run, they didn't fight, they didn't

they didn't light, they didn't try their best.

"In the end 3-0 is a heavy result but we must understand why it happened and if you understand why it happened we know what we must work on to improve this."

- 1927: The Harlem Globetrotters, one of the world's best-known basketball teams, played their first road game in Hinckley, Illinois.
- 1930: Don Bradman scored 452 not out for New South Wales against Queensland. a then world record
- score. 1934: Stockport beat Halifax 13-0 in a Division Three North game – the biggest winning margin in Football League history.
- 1934: Herbert Chapman, who guided Huddersfield and Arsenal to a hattrick of league championships, died at the age of 55. 1942: Russian
- weightlifter Vasily Alexeev, who set 80 official world records and used to eat a 36egg omelette for breakfast, was born. He won gold medals at the 1972 and 1976
- Olympic Games. 1994: US figure skater Nancy Kerrigan was attacked at an ice rink in Detroit ahead of the national championships. Her main rival, Tonya Harding, was subsequently found to have been involved in the attack, which was planned by her ex-husband, and was banned from the sport for life. Kerrigan recovered in time for the Winter Olympics and won the silver medal.
- 1997: Murray Kidd resigned as coach of Ireland's rugby union
- side. 2011: England beat Australia by an innings and 83 runs to win the fifth Test in Sydney and complete a 3-1 Ashes series
- victory.
 2013: Scotland's most capped scrum-half Mike Blair announced his retirement from international rugby.
- 2018: Holders Arsenal were knocked out of the FA Cup in the third round after losing 4-2 to Sky Bet Championship club
- Nottingham Forest. 2022: Newcastle signed Kieran Trippier from Atletico Madrid for an initial fee understood to be

£12milion.

2022: World tennis number one Novak Djokovic had his Australian visa cancelled after being detained at Melbourne airport. The Serbian thought he had met entry criteria despite being unvaccinated against Covid-19 but that was not accepted by the Australian Border Force. After 10 days of legal wrangling, Diokovic was deported ahead of the Australian Open.

Neco itching to take on Liverpool

NOTTINGHAM FOREST defender Neco Williams knows how "special" next week's Premier League game against

Liverpool will be. Forest extended their winning streak to six games with a 3-0 triumph at Wolves

on Monday evening.
That moved Nuno Espirito Santo's team six points behind leaders Liverpool, who visit the City Ground next Tuesday in a clash which could determine whether Forest are genuine

title contenders.
Williams said: "We are still
only halfway through the
season, we have still got a lot more to give.

"We are just taking each game as it comes. For us now

the focus is on Luton in the FA

Cup.
"Then it is Liverpool, which will be a tough test, but the confidence is flowing through the group now and hopefully we can carry on that winning

form.
"It will be special for the whole team, we are up there, we are the only team to beat them this season so hopefully we can do that again.

we can do that again.
"But it's going to be tough,
we know how good they are,
they are probably one of the
best teams in the world right
now, but with our confidence,
our winning form, our 12th
man, which is the fans, if that all comes together than we will have a chance."



SCHOLES NOT HAPPY WITH UNITED OWNERS



PAUL Scholes says Sir Jim Ratcliffe has done positive" "nothing during his first year at **Manchester United and** believes ticket price increases show he does not care about the fans.

not care about the fans. Ineos chairman Ratcliffe, the 72-year local-born billionaire who became minority shareholder of the Premier League club at the start of 2024, has defended the need to make "difficult and unpenular decisions" at and unpopular decisions" at Old Trafford.

Deprived

This includes the controversial mid-season call to raise ticket prices to £66 per match without

call to raise ticket prices to £66 per match without concessions for children or pensioners — a decision which United fans protested against before last month's home fixture with Everton. "£66 for a ticket is ridiculous. If you think of Manchester, there are so many deprived areas and Sir Jim Ratcliffe himself is from Failsworth, which is a deprived area," former United midfielder Scholes

By JACK FARLEY

said. "If you take one kid

said. "If you take one kid with you, that's £120, if you take a family, you're looking at £300-400 – it's not right. "They (Ineos Group) have been in charge of United for nearly a year now and everything is still negative. I can't think of something positive that they've done for the football club."

Around 250 members of staff have been made redundant over the past 12 months and Sir Alex Ferguson's ambassadorial role is ending among ongoing cost-cutting measures introduced by Ineos.

On the field, United have not won for five games under new boss Ruben Amorim – ending a run of four consecutive defeats with a 2-2 draw at league leaders Liverpool on Sunday.

United are currently languishing in 13th place in the Premier League, only seven points above the relegation zone.

Scholes said: "Things are getting worse on the football pitch so couldn't they have just said that they'd do cheaper tickets – couldn't



they just give us something positive? "How can you ask

"How can you ask Manchester United fans to pay more money with what's happening on the football pitch?
"Where do these owners

"Where do these owners get the front to put ticket prices up for what we're watching?
"For the value, we're probably having our worst ever Premier League season

and they've got the cheek to

put the prices up halfway through.

put the prices up halfway through.

"There is nothing positive happening with that football club. The team look bang average. They're not doing anything for fans.

"If we've got Sir Jim Ratcliffe, compared to all these American owners, who's been a United fan since growing up in an area in Manchester, he's still hiking prices up. It just shows that they don't care."

On the pitch, the draw at Anfield does at least give United fans some hope that they are turning a corner under Ruben Amorim.

Defender Diogo Dalot admits the manager's challenge for the players to show more leadership stung him into a response.

him into a response.

The full-back said he took a look at himself and asked what more he could do, and responded with performance which caused Trent which caused Trent Alexander-Arnold a host of

Alexander-Arnold a host of problems.

Ahead of the trip to Anfield Amorim had said he needed "the leaders to step up to help the other guys" who were "sometimes afraid".

That message was heard

That message was heard

in the dressing room and the players responded with their best performance of the Portuguese's short

the Portuguese's short tenure.

"It pinched me. I think that's what he wanted for every player," said Dalot.

"I've been here for a while. I know that I can step up a little bit more as well in that level and I'm going to try to help my team-mates for as long as I can.

"As long as I'm on the pitch, and outside the pitch, I will try to help them. You

I will try to help them. You could see that we were more a team. That was the biggest difference."

Position

Dalot has been impressed Dalot has been impressed with the new gaffer's methods. He added: "It's training, it's propertraining, it's trime on the pitch, knowing what everybody wants to do, almost like trusting ourselves that everybody will be in the right position to play in every aspect of the game in every inch of the pitch. "When you have time to know what to do, I think it becomes more natural. And you saw the structure was much more compact."



Tottenham sign Son until 2026

TOTTENHAM have TOTTENHAM have exercised an option to extend captain Son Heungmin's contract until the summer of 2026.

The 32-year-old's previous deal was due to expire at the end of the

season.

Son has scored 169 goals in 431 appearances for Spurs since joining from Bayer Leverkusen in

2015.

"We are delighted to exercised the option to extend Heung-Min Son's contract, which will now run until the summer of 2026," a Tottenham statement read.

statement read.
"Sonny has become a
global star during his time
with us and a modern-day
great for Tottenham
Hotspur."
Son is 11th on
Tottenham's all-time
appearance list, while only

Harry Kane, Jimmy Greaves, Bobby Smith and Martin Chivers have registered more goals for

the club.
The South Korea forward has scored five goals and provided six assists in 17 Premier League outings this term.

Ange Postecoglou's side, who host Liverpool on Wednesday evening in the first leg of their Carabao Cup semi-final, sit 12th in the top flight following only one win in their last eight fixtures.

Evanilson op success

BOURNEMOUTH striker Evanilson has undergone surgery on a broken metatarsal.

Evanilson suffered the injury in the closing stages of the Premier League home victory against Everton last weekend.

"We can confirm successful procedure to repair a fractured metatarsal sustained during Saturday's 1-0 win

over Everton,"

Bournemouth said. Further assessment following the match revealed a broken bone that would require surgery.

"The club's medical staff will now provide Evanilson with full support through the rehabilitation process, ensuring he has the best

possible recovery."
The 25-year-old Brazil international has helped Bournemouth climb to seventh, scoring five times since joining for record fee £40m from Porto in August.

- 1. Which American state hosts the year-beginning PGA Tour event The Sentry?
- 2. In which Scottish city are the football grounds Dens Park and Tannadice?
- 3. What do the letters DRS stand for in cricket?
- 4. England defender Millie Bright plays for which Women's Super League club?
- 5. Which country did figure skater Katarina Witt represent when winning her two Olympic Gold medals?
- 6. Which three colours form the 'crescents' symbol of the Paralympic Games?
- 7. Who has won the last two Australian Open women's singles titles?
- 8. Which city hosted Scotland's first Commonwealth Games in 1970?
- 9. Which Premier League club does actor James Corden support?
- 10. How old does a horse have to be to run in the Derby?
- 11. Which football team play their home games at Kenilworth Road?
- 12. What nationality is boxer Saul 'Canelo Alvarez?
- 13. Which was Michael Phelps' final Olympic Games?
- 14. How many grand slam singles titles has Serena Williams won?
- 15. Who is the only Pakistan cricketer to have scored more than 10,000 Test runs?
- 16. Who won the 2022 Masters in golf?
- 17. How many points are awarded for a touchdown in American football?
- 18. Giannis Antetokounmpo plays for which NBA side?
- 19. Which club won the 2012 UEFA Champions League final?
- 20. Who is head coach of the United States women's football team?

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LIVERPOOL FACE TOTTENHAM

LIVERPOOL head coach Arne Slot attempted to place a protective arm around Trent Alexander-Arnold by saying noone mentions the effect of contract issues when the team

are winning.

The England defender was criticised for a poor performance in Sunday's 2-2 draw at home to Man United, just days after Real Madrid made an approach for the 26-year-old whose current deal

26-year-old whose current deal expires in the summer.

Mo Salah and Virgil van Dijk are in similar positions but Alexander-Arnold, an academy graduate and one of their most valuable assets, has found the spotlight focused firmly on him of late.

Even Salah's social media avghange with former Bads defender.

exchange with former Reds defender and Sky Sports pundit Jamie

By JOHN ANTHONY

Carragher on Monday over his own situation was not viewed in the same context, despite the Egypt forward being actively involved in generating more headlines.

more neadlines.
But Slot insisted results determine reactions as no-one makes a fuss when his team win, and he feels the when his team win, and he teets the players deserve some credit for the level of consistency they are producing – the team are top of the Premier League and Champions League – despite uncertainty over their futures.

"What I do know this season, all the points and all the results we get

the points and all the results we got this season are deserved," the Dutchman said.

"All the players are fit at the moment but if we drop points when we have injuries, people say it is because you have injuries."

"If we drop points when Mo misses

a penalty against (Real) Madrid, he is distracted by his contract situation. If Trent has not his best performance, he is distracted by the contract he is dis situation.

"If they play really well nobody tells me, 'That's because they have a contract situation'.

contract situation."
"We always try to find arguments but nine out of 10 times the best argument is the quality of the team you face or the game-plan the other team has."

Chance

Slot said he had spoken to Alexander-Arnold about his sub-standard display against United, but that was not out of the ordinary and he had cause to speak to a

number of players.
Wednesday's Carabao Cup semi-final first leg at Tottenham provides an immediate chance for the England international to prove Sunday was a one-off if, as expected, he starts in the capital.

"I think it will benefit every player that we had a disappointing result," Slot said. "Every player wants to play two Therry player wants to play two days later again – but every player who was not on the pitch would love to play (on Wednesday) as well. "That's the good thing, they all

"That's the good thing, they all want to play.

"Almost all are fit, that is special at this time of the season, and I would also highlight that these players show up every three days.

"I think we were all disappointed, not only I rent, by the way we played, first of all by the result.
"Parts of the game we could be quite satisfied with, other parts we were not completely happy with. That was not only Trent, there were more things in the game we could have done better.

"Trent did not play his best game, I've said that already, but it is not

THE CARABAO CUP SEMIS



the first time in his life he didn't

play the best game of his career.
"He has played so many games well for this club, now it wasn't his best—like some others it wasn't the best game – but we just pick it up and start training again. "These players know, if you play

50-60 games in a season, once in a while you don't have your best performance.

Mainstay

"Maybe we should highlight more how good it is these players every three days can play such a good

game."
Slot is waiting to see if midfielder Slot is waiting to see it initiated. Dominik Szoboszlai is fit enough to return to training after missing Sunday with illness, although even if he is he will not start against

Spurs.

He also declined to confirm second-choice goalkeeper Caoimhin

Kelleher, who has been a mainstay

netiener, who has been a mainstay in this competition over the last few years, would start.

New Tottenham gloveman Antonin Kinsky is available for Wednesday's Carabao Cup semifinal with the Reds after the club received his work permit on Monday.

Kinsky become Shure' first

received his work permit on Monday.
Kinsky become Spurs' first signing of the January transfer window on Sunday after he joined in a deal set to be worth 15 million euros (£12.5 m) plus add-ons.

The Czech Republic Under-21 international was unable to train with his new team-mates on Monday while he waited for his work permit, but it has now been granted and he could be in line for a high-profile debut on Wednesday.

Spurs boss Ange Postecoglou had to turn to third-choice goalkeeper Brandon Austin for the 2-1 loss at home to Newcastle with Fraser Forster ruled out through illness

and Guglielmo Vicario

still absent with a fractured ankle.
Austin impressed on his debut days before his 26th birthday and Postecoglou is faced with decision to Postecoglou is faced with a decision to make before Liverpool visit in the semi-final first leg, with Kinsky set to train with his new team-mates on

new team.
Tuesday.
Kinsky, 21, has already made 29 this Kinsky, 21, nas already made 29 appearances this season and kept 14 clean sheets during a successful first half of the campaign for Slavia Prague, which earned him a move to Tottenham on contract until 2031.





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- ASB Classic and Hobart International — Sky Sports Tennis and Sky Sports Main Event 0000.

THURSDAY

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 FOOTBALL: FA Cup. Sheffield
 United v Cardiff BBC One
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 Premiership, Dundee v Rangers
 Sky Sports Football and Sky
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 CRICKEE: First women's oneday international, India v
 Ireland TIN Sports 1 0530.

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- FOOTBALL: FA Cup, Aston Villa v West Ham ITV 1930; Bundesliga, Borussia Dortmund v Bayer Leverkusen Sky Sports Main Event 1930; Scottiek Hommionskii
- Sports Main Event 1930;
 Scottish Championship,
 Hamilton v Partick Thistle—
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 RUGBY UNION: Champions Cup,
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 Cup, Gloucester v Scarlets —
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- Sony Open Sky Sports Golf 1700, Sky Sports Main Event
- TENNIS: Adelaide International, ASB Classic and Hobart International — Sky Sports Tennis and Sky Sports Main Event 0000.

SATURDAY

- FOOTBALL: FA Cup, Liverpool v Accrington ITV 1130, Accrington — ITV 1130, Manchester City v Salford — BBC One 1730; Scottish
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 1230. Serie A, AC Milan v
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- play-off Sky Sports NFL 2100, Sky Sports Main Event 2300, Second Wild Card play-off Sky Sports Main Event, Sky Sports NFL 0100 (Sun).

SUNDAY

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 FOOTBALL: FA Cup, Tamworth v
 Tottenham ITV 1145, Arsenal
 v Manchester United BBC One
 1435, Southampton v Swansea
 BBC Two Wates 1615; Scottish
 Premiership, Aberdeen v Hearts
 Sky Sports Hosin Event 1430; Serie
 A. Napoli v Hellas Verona TNT
 Sports 1 1930: LaLiga, Las
 Palmas v Getaté Premier
 Sports 1 1300.

 TENNIS: Australian Open
 Eurosport 1, Eurosport 2 0030.
- Eurosport 1, Eurosport 2 0030.

 RUGBY UNION: Champions Cup, Toulon v Harlequins — Premier Sports 2 1230, La Rochelle v Leinster — Premier Sports 1 1500, Bristol v Benetton — Premier Sports 2 1500, Bath v Clermont — Premier Sports 2 1715
- GOLF: DP World Tour, Team Cup Sky Sports Main Event, Sky
 Sports Golf 0730; PGA Tour, The
 Sony Open — Sky Sports Golf
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Guardiola has challenged Jack Grealish to respond after losing his place in the Manchester City side to Savinho.

Despite the champions' underwhelming campaign to date, Grealish has been unable to command a regularplacein Guardiola's

line-up.
Fitness issues have contributed to the England international's lack of form, but the 29-year-old has looked far from the dynamic performer he was in the 2022-23 treble-

winning season.
City boss Guardiola said: "It's easy. As much as

By JOHN ANTHONY

Grealish looks at himself, he will see the competition and he has to compete.

"Savinho is in better shape and everything than Jack, and that's why I played Savinho.

"Do I want the Jack that won the treble? Yes, I want it – but I try to be honest with myself for that.

"What happened with Savinho's delivery in the box? It's higher than the other wingers in that position.

other wingers in that position.

"They have to fight. You can say it's unfair. OK, if you think that, then it's fine, but you have to prove (to me), 'OK, I'm going to fight with Savinho, to

deserve to play in that position', every single day, every single week and every single month."

Grealish has won three titles, the Champions League and the FA Cup since his £100million move from Aston Villa in the summer of 2021.

Impressed

Yet while he and City have struggled this term – Guardiola's side suffered a run of nine defeats in 13 games at the back end of 2024 – Savinho has started to shine. The 20-year-old summer

signing from sister club Troyes scored at Leicester and again impressed as he forced an own goal and set

up two for Erling Haaland in Saturday's 4-1 win over West Ham. Guardiola feels

West Ham. Guardiola feels it is now up to Grealish to respond accordingly.

He said: "I fought a lot for him, fought a lot to be here. (I say) 'Come on, do it again, do it again'.

"I know that he can do it because I saw him. I saw your level and I want that, every single training session and every single game.

"Ifnot, Savinhodeserves. I play him because he

"Ifnot, Savinhodeserves. I play him because he produces. Against Everton he was brilliant, then the goal at Leicester and (Saturday) he made a goal and two unbelievable assists. That is top. That's why he played."

